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RIPARIAN HEALTH DISTRICT OF BRIXHAM

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This Report is based on the instructions of the Ministry of Health contained in Circulars 33/52 and 16/55, and follows the arrangement detailed in Form Port 20.

SECTION I - STAFF

TABLE A

NO CHANGE

SECTION II - AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING

THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR

TABLE B

Ships from	Number	Tonnage (Nett)	<u>Number inspected</u>		Number of ships reported as having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board.
			By the Medical Officer of Health.	By the Chief Public Health Inspec- tor.	
Foreign Ports	421	55,628	2	0	0
Coastwise	1,019	181,854	3	10	2
TOTAL	1,440	237,482	5	10	2

These figures do not include Liners calling for Pilots, as these vessels do not encroach on the Harbour Limits.



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SECTION III - CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND

TRADE DURING THE YEAR

TABLE C

Passenger Traffic	(	Number of Passengers INWARDS - Nil.
	(	Number of Passengers OUTWARDS - Nil.
Cargo Traffic	(	Principal IMPORTS - Diesel Oil
	(	Principal EXPORTS - Oil, Limestone
Principal Ports from which ships arrived: French and Belgian Ports, Mediterranean Ports, Far Eastern Ports.		

SECTION IV - INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

There is no inland barge traffic in the area.

SECTION V - WATER SUPPLY

NO CHANGE

SECTION VI - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS)

REGULATIONS, 1952

NO CHANGE





## SECTION VII - SMALLPOX

- (1) Name of Isolation Hospital to which Smallpox cases are sent from the District.

Upton Pyne Smallpox Hospital, Nr. Exeter.  
Telephone: Stoke Cannon 207.

- (2) Arrangements for transport of such cases to that hospital by ambulance, giving the name of the Authority responsible for the ambulance and the vaccinal state of the crews.

Arrangements are made by telephone message to the Resident Physician at Whipton Isolation Hospital, Exeter (Telephone: Exeter 67158). The vehicle is supplied by Exeter City Health Department, and is staffed by the hospital. All members of the crew are vaccinated regularly.

- (3) Names of Smallpox Consultants available.

THERE ARE NO approved Smallpox Consultants available LOCALLY. The nearest approved Consultants are:-

Dr. J. Macrae, Ham Green Isolation Hospital, Ham Green, Bristol. Telephone: Bristol 31165.

Dr. E.J.G. Wallace, Health Centre, Westham Road, Weymouth, Dorset. Telephone: Weymouth 1645 & 16.

I understand that neither of them are strictly scheduled to cover this part of Devon since Dr. Macrae is attached to the Oxford Regional Hospital Area and Dr. Wallace covers East Devon and Dorset.

- (4) Facilities for Laboratory diagnosis of Smallpox.

Specimens would be sent to the Central Public Health Laboratory, (Virus Reference), Colindale, Hendon, London, N.W.4.

## SECTION VIII - VENEREAL DISEASE

NO CHANGE





SECTION IX - CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND

OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON SHIPS

TABLE D

Category	Disease	No. of cases during the year		No. of ships concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases landed from other ports.	Mumps. Acute Pneumonia.	Nil	2	2

A short account should be given of the measures taken on the arrival by ship of (a) any case of smallpox, cholera, plague, yellow fever, typhus, or relapsing fever included in Table D; (b) any suspected case of any such disease.

Nil.



SECTION X - OBSERVATIONS OF THE OCCURRENCE

OF MALARIA IN SHIPS

NIL.

SECTION XI - MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS

INFECTED OR SUSPECTED FOR PLAGUE

NIL.

SECTION XII - MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS

FROM FOREIGN PORTS

- (1) Procedure for inspection of ships for rats.

The Public Health Inspector makes enquiries of masters of ships as to the presence of, or undue mortality among rats. He also inspects ships, quays, wharves and stores at regular intervals for signs of the presence of rats.

- (2) Arrangements for the Bacteriological or Pathological examination of rodents with special reference to rodent plague, including the number of rodents sent for examination during the year.

These examinations are carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service, Bradninch Place, Gandy Street, Exeter. No rodents were sent for examination.

- (3) Arrangements in the District for de-ratting ships, the methods used, and if done by a commercial contractor, the name of the contractor.

Arrangements are made for this service to be carried out at Plymouth.

- (4) Progress in the rat-proofing of ships.

This has not been required owing to the limited nature of shipping entering the port.





TABLE E

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Number</u>
Black rats	Nil
Brown rats	Nil
Species not known	Nil
Sent for examination	Nil
Infected with plague	Nil

TABLE F

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports.

Brixham is not an approved port under Article 52 of the International Sanitary Regulations.

SECTION XIII - INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES

TABLE G

Inspections and Notices

Nature and number of inspections	Notices Served		Result of serving Notices
	Statutory Notices	Other Notices	
General .. 15	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL .. 15	Nil	Nil	Nil





SECTION XIV - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELLFISH)

REGULATIONS, 1934 AND 1948

NO CHANGE

SECTION XV - MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS

(Applicable only to ports approved for the landing of aliens)

NO CHANGE

SECTION XVI - MISCELLANEOUS

Cases of illness treated aboard ship or ashore

<u>Nationality</u>	<u>Type of illness or injury</u>	<u>Disposal of case</u>
Polish (1)	Fractured Pelvis	To Hospital
Spanish (1)	Injured on board	To Hospital
Dutch (1)	For investigation	To Hospital
Dutch (1)	Stomach pain	To Hospital
British (1)	Infected Mumps	To own home, Falmouth
British (1)	Pneumonia	To Hospital
British (1)	Crushed Finger	To Hospital
British (1)	Crushed Fingers	To Hospital

All the cases were seen in the first instance by a General Medical Practitioner at Brixham.

Quarantine Anchorage increased in size

The former quarantine anchorage was considered to be too small so in consultation with the Brixham Harbour Master it has been arranged that the quarantine area shall be a square bounded by lines joining the following points:



Latitude 50° 25' N	3° 32' W
Latitude 50° 25' N	3° 31' W
Latitude 50° 24½ N	3° 32' W
Latitude 50° 24½ N	3° 31' W

H.M. Customs and Excise (Waterguard) at Brixham were informed.

#### New Facilities for Yachtsmen

In June, 1962, a marine pontoon, designed and owned by a well known petroleum company, was moored in the outer harbour to meet the fuelling needs of yachtsmen and others. Sixty feet long, with a beam of 16ft., the pontoon has storage for 5,000 gallons of fuel and 500 gallons of fresh water. The pontoon also has a small store in which marine lubricants, articles of chandlery, deep frozen foods (vegetables, ice cream etc.,) are available, and is also equipped with toilet facilities.

I wish to express my thanks to the Public Health Inspector for his assistance, and to the Officers of H.M. Customs, the Harbour Master and the local shipping agents for their co-operation in compiling this report.

JOHN WILDMAN

Medical Officer of Health

18th February, 1963.



